

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **INFECTION CONTROL DATABASE**

Function Category: ☐ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☒ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Surveillance, Prevention & Control of Infection**

Heading: **N/A**

Key Word(s): **Infection Control, Data Processing**

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Purpose: To maintain comprehensive, reliable, easily accessible information regarding surveillance data for infection control. This information includes patient and employee infections.

Brief Description: Since 1992, the Public Health Office at Patton maintained its data in a computerized record keeping database. This has enabled the hospital to retrieve information immediately, at any time, when required for monitoring an outbreak, preparing periodic reports or responding to requests from receiving institutions about infection history on our patients. During the mycoplasma outbreak of 1995, representatives from the California Department of Health Services and federal Centers for Disease Control visited our facility as consultants and commended our database system. We continue to update the database, and it has become the model for the development of a statewide DMH hospital infection control data system.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☐ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☐ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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